

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

MARIJUANA SUPPRESSION GRANTS
AND
AUDITORS' REPORT
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the Status of Cash, the Statement of Approved Budget and Cumulative Expenditures, and the Statement of Costs Claimed, Accepted, Questioned and Recommended for Disallowance of the County of Riverside for the grant awarded by the State of California Office of Emergency Services (OES) as noted below.

Grant Number
MS 07090330

Audit Period
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the OES Grants Audit Program, and certain provisions of the OES Grantee Handbook. Those standards, the OES Grants Audit Program, and certain provisions of the OES Grantee Handbook, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the program statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As more fully described in Note 2 to the program statements, the County of Riverside prepares forms OES-201 in accordance with OES requirements. The accounting practices used to prepare forms OES-201 may differ in some respects from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Accordingly, the accompanying program statements, which are based in part on Forms OES-201, are not intended to present the financial position and results of operations in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

In our opinion, the program statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the status of cash, and the approved budget and cumulative expenditures and the allowable costs for the grant and grant period audited, inconformity with the basis described in Note 2.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

In Accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have issued our report dated November 6, 2008, on our consideration of the Grant Program referred to in the first paragraph, internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

This Report is intended for the information of the state of California Office of Emergency Services and the County of Riverside's management and is not intended to be used and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


November 6, 2008

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**Exhibit B****MARIJUANA SUPPRESSION GRANTS****STATEMENT OF APPROVED BUDGET AND CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES****FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

<u>MS 07090330</u> <u>July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u> <u>Claimed</u>	<u>Variance</u> <u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Personal Services	\$ 147,946	\$ 143,052	\$ 4,894
Operating Expenses	29,222	28,962	260
Equipment	-	-	-
Totals	<u><u>\$ 177,168</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 172,014</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,154</u></u>

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2007 TO JUNE 30, 2008

1. THE ORGANIZATION

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department serves to protect the public by the suppression and prevention of crime and the reduction of criminal recidivism. The Organization performs all mandates of the Office of Sheriff as provided in the U.S. Constitution and laws of the State of California, including the investigation and enforcement of violations of federal and states laws and local ordinances in a fair and reasonable manner. The organization also serves the superior and municipal courts by providing court security, service of civil process, and execution of lawful orders of the court and maintains the county jails and prisoners committed therein as prescribed by law in a fair and humane manner. These services are provided throughout Riverside County.

The State of California Office of Emergency Services had entered into an agreement with the County of Riverside Sheriff's Department for the Marijuana Suppression Program:

Marijuana Suppression Program- MS 07090330

The purpose of this program is to minimize the availability of marijuana through crop destruction, arrests and vigorous prosecution of cultivators and traffickers. The main program goal is to develop a ten person team within the Special Investigations Bureau to focus exclusively on marijuana cultivation and trafficking.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting Method

The program statements (Exhibits A, B and C) have been prepared from the grant budgets, approved by OES, the report of expenditures and requests for funds (Form OES-201), and the County of Riverside accounting records.

Forms OES-201 was prepared by the County of Riverside personnel in accordance with OES requirements. The basis of accounting used in preparing Forms OES-201 may differ from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Accordingly, the accompanying program statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

3. COSTS QUESTIONED AND RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE

There were no costs questioned or costs recommended for disallowance.

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**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND
OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

We have audited the Status of Cash, the Statement of Approved Budget and Cumulative Expenditures, and the Statement of Costs Claimed, Accepted, Questioned and Recommended for Disallowance of the County of Riverside for the grant awarded by the State of California Office of Emergency Services (OES) as noted below:

Grant Number
MS 07090330

Audit Period
July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

We have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing the assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the organization's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the organization's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control. We noted no matters that could be considered control deficiencies.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected the organization's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be considered to be material weaknesses. However, we noted no instances of a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Riverside County Sheriff's Department's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the State of California Office of Emergency Services and the County of Riverside's management and is not intended to be used and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


November 6, 2008

RIVERSIDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

None.